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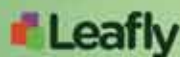
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Greeting Readers and Happy New Year,

This year, we the citizens of Michigan have expressed a strong desire to legalize cannabis for all adults. In the magazine is a petition, instructions and a self addressed envelope. The petition is a new concept in cannabis law reform. Just like Colorado's Amendment 64, Michigan now has a chance to legalize marijuana and prevent anyone for going to jail for doing anything with cannabis. No taxes, no secured transport, no licensing and everyone can grow as much as they want!

Ohio's recent election prevented a monopoly of marijuana in that state, and has shifted the paradigm on cannabis law reform in the stride of populous based thinking. With the corrupt at the police labs, the insane raids of medical marijuana caregivers and patients, exposed police brutality and the Flint City water crisis, people are plain sick and tired of their bereft elected officials. The time is now for a solution.

The MMM Report still supports MI Legalize, but we need something more. To end the prohibition on marijuana once and for all, what needs to happen is that you, the reader, acquires 12 valid signatures by registered voters. Fill out the rest of the petition according to the attached instructions and mail it in.

If all you readers do your part, and complete a few of these petitions that we are sending out each month, then we will win this.

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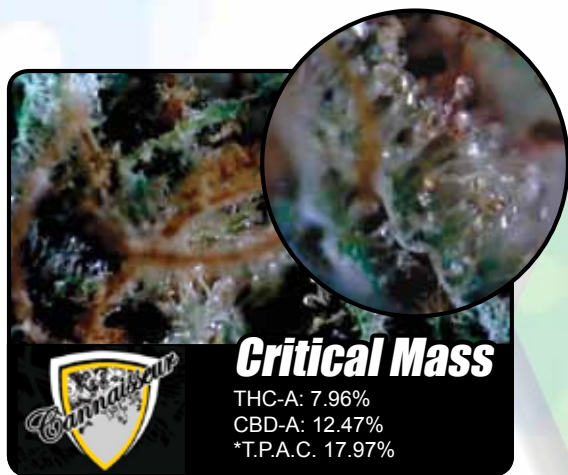
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Michigan News

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MSP Misreporting Test Results

DETROIT: Several attorneys have begun filing complaints against the Michigan State Police for misrepresenting marijuana test results which could have left many serving higher sentences than what they deserved. The complaints claim tests that find marijuana are being reported as synthetic THC or a schedule one controlled substance which is a felony instead of a marijuana-related misdemeanor. The Michigan State Police Public Affairs Manager, Shannon Banner, calls the complaints "bogus" and said, "After this discussion period, the decision was made to begin using the phrase 'origin unknown' for samples where the source of the THC could not be scientifically proven to originate from a plant-based material. It should be pointed out that 'origin unknown' does not mean the sample is synthetic THC; it only means the lab did not determine the origin and the source of the THC should not be assumed from the lab results." A lawyer who filed a complaint believes the change in the way THC is characterized was politically motivated with influence from the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan. Complaints were filed with the National Institute of Justice because grant money given to MSP to expedite testing results has been used.



Decriminalization Sticks in Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS: An amendment approved in 2012, which made possession or sharing of marijuana a civil infraction, including no jail time and possible fines between \$25 and \$100, was challenged by Kent County Prosecutor William Forsyth. According to Michigan Radio, Forsyth claimed the amendment was an "illegal restriction on his power to enforce state drug laws, which continue to make marijuana possession a crime." He made this claim because the amendment also prohibited police officers from transferring cannabis cases to the Prosecutor's office.

The Michigan Supreme Court did not agree with Forsyth and allowed the amendment to stand when they refused to take his case stating, "...we are not persuaded that question presented should be reviewed by this Court." The refusal came after the Kent County Circuit Court and Michigan Court of Appeals ruled against the Prosecutor and he took his appeal to the Supreme Court of the State. While two of the Justices in the Court would like to have heard the case, they were not in the majority and the amendment stands.



Detroit Medical Marijuana Ordinance

DETROIT: On December 17th Detroit City council passed an ordinance to regulate dispensaries within the city limits. The ordinance goes into effect in March, but according to Richard Clement, a staffer for Council Pro-temp George Cushingberry Jr, the Detroit legal department is drafting a referendum to overturn the ordinance. Mr. Clement has expressed concern about the ordinance because it will force many existing dispensaries out of business when it is implemented. Zoning restrictions limit where dispensaries can be within the city, pushing them mostly in to the industrial section.

Several dispensary owners have come together help try to resolve the issue but if a referendum doesn't gather 4055 signatures by January 17th, then the fate is sealed for many of the dispensaries.



Storage Unit Grow Causes Explosion

MANLIUS TOWNSHIP: An explosion at a storage facility, which injured one man and killed his dog, came from a grow operation in one of the units at the site. The man who owned the operation, and would not give his name, was not there when the explosion occurred but claims the grow has been going on for a few years and was completely legal. Police believe the blast stemmed from a small propane tank that was being used to heat the unit. According to 24 Hour News 8, the man who rented the unit kept the plants there because he felt it was "nicer to keep it out of neighborhoods". The burst was heard over 13 miles away, flattened 4 storage units, and shattered the windows of some houses nearby.



A Bill to Protect Employees

LANSING: A bill introduced by state Representative Sam Singh would protect medical marijuana patients from being fired due to "drug-free" policies. Medical marijuana firings have become a problem in many states where the plant is legal for medical reasons, but House Bill 5161 would prevent

future terminations in Michigan. Singh supported other bills when the House made changes to the marijuana system earlier this year, but felt job protections were left out of the discussion and need to be addressed. Michigan Radio quotes Singh as saying, "...we didn't really talk about the rights of the individual. And that was something that I felt that we should have had a conversation on. Unfortunately we didn't." He went on to explain he introduced the bill to start a conversation on the subject within the House.



Tashina and Taylor

EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Patient Tashina

Worthington plead guilty December 17, 2015 to one count of maintaining a drug house after a long battle with Emmet County. It all began when the house she shared with her boyfriend, Ben Taylor, was raided by SANE on April 7, 2015. SANE officers kicked down the couple's door at 7pm with a warrant to search the residence. They pulled books off the shelf, precious trinkets and desecrated the ashes of the couple's stillborn baby. They had guns held to their heads and were questioned without access to a lawyers for hours. The couple was releases and left to go about their business. In late August, the couple was woken up by police officers once again, as they entered the home only this time with warrants for their arrest.

Law enforcement arrested the couple and charged them both with 2 counts of delivery manufacturing (claiming they had delivered to an unqualified patient) and one count of felony fire arms for possessing hunting guns where they were growing cannabis. After a long battle with Emmet County and prosecutor Fenton (who seems more interested in tying one on after work than prosecuting according to the law), Worthington and Taylor were advised to take a plea because of the guns and Judge Johnson not liking them in the same place as cannabis. Both were promised pleas with no jail time and so the proceeded to plea guilty.

However, Taylor had priors from a history with substance abuse and the court pulled his no jail time plea and sentenced him to four months jail time this Christmas on December 10th. A week later, Worthington was sentenced to one year probation and 100 hours of community service. Family members in the case believe that the couple was treated rather harshly for trying to follow the medical marijuana act. The family and the couple feels traumatized and set-up. Taylor and Worthington feel set-up and neither patient can understand why the state offered them an avenue for which to do this only to ruin their lives months later. "I just don't think I needed to be treated this way," Worthington says, "I wanted to help people and I was taken advantage of by a family member who was trying to get out of their own legal problems."

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National News

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Pismo Beach Cracking Down on Cannabis Meds and Synthetics

CALIFORNIA: The City Council of Pismo Beach will consider two proposed ordinances this month, which come after Gov. Jerry Brown signed the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. According to the *Tribune*, the Act states that cities without specific ordinances regulating or prohibiting marijuana by Mar. 1st 2016, will lose their ability to regulate medical marijuana in their city and the state will become the sole licensing and regulating authority.

The first ordinance proposed in Pismo Beach would either ban or regulate medical marijuana cultivation in the city. The other ordinance would ban the sales of synthetic drugs like spice and bath salts. While many cities are drafting ordinances to either regulate or ban marijuana cultivation, Pismo Beach city attorney Dave Fleishman prepared a report that says the Pismo staff encourage the city to consider banning, not regulating. The report also notes that the "city approved medical marijuana delivery services to operate within city limits" earlier this year, which gives residents "an effective and discreet method of obtaining medical marijuana within the City, and action taken by the Council relating to this [ordinance] request will not affect that."

The second proposal, which would ban the sale of synthetic drugs, will also be considered in January. Certain synthetic drugs are already prohibited by federal and state laws, however because the companies that make these products are constantly changing their chemical makeup to avoid the laws it becomes harder to keep them banned. While there is no evidence that synthetic substances are being sold in Pismo Beach, the staff and Police chief are encouraging the city to pass the ordinance to avoid having to deal with potential sales of the drugs in the future.

Could Kentucky be Next?

KENTUCKY: The "Cannabis Freedom Act" pre-filed by Sen. Perry Clark would legalize and regulate marijuana similar to that of alcohol. Newly elected Republican governor, Matt Bevin, is one of the biggest supporters for legalization in the state, one of the reasons he may have been elected over the competition who was strongly opposed to the drug. Kentuckians for Medical Marijuana (KY4MM) was one of the first groups in Northern Kentucky to begin advocating for the issue.

Kentucky is noted as having a high rate of opiate-addiction, groups like KY4MM point out that legalizing marijuana could help address and alleviate this issue. A couple of bills have already been introduced in the state but have failed. Many remain hopeful that it will be passed especially now that Kentucky, and other states, can look at Colorado and Washington to observe the effects and financial benefits of legalization. Sen. Clark stated that funds generated from the Cannabis Freedom Act would be mostly directed at education and scholarships. The bill will be considered in January when the legislative session gathers again.

Is Rescheduling Coming?

WASHINGTON D.C.: According to *Forbes* Magazine, 2016 will be a huge year for marijuana legalization. Many are hoping the head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Chuck Grassley, will bend to public pressure and set up a hearing to discuss the CARERS Act. The CARERS Act is a bill which would allow states to legalize medical marijuana without having to worry about federal intrusion and would also make marijuana a schedule II drug as opposed to its current schedule I status. As a schedule I drug, federal government cannot acknowledge any medicinal benefits from marijuana, however if it were rescheduled the government would have a harder time prosecuting marijuana patients. The bill would create more room for research on the medication and allow banks to work with companies dealing with the product. This is only one of many bills hoping for a hearing in front of the committee in 2016. Other bills include veteran's access to medical marijuana, property protection for patients, clean slate for marijuana offenses, and marijuana banking. Clearly *Forbes* has it right with the idea that 2015 was simply a lead up to an even more exciting 2016 for the medical marijuana community.



Utah Voters Want Legalized Marijuana

UTAH: *Utah Policy* has released a new poll showing that a majority of Utah voters are in favor of legalizing the plant. The survey questioned 624 adults and was conducted by Dan Jones & Associates; it showed that 61 percent of Utahans believe medical marijuana should be legalized in the state while 36 percent opposed and 2 percent are unsure of how they would vote. Key findings in the poll show that 48 percent of self-described "very active" Mormons are in favor of medical marijuana while 50 percent of the same group are opposed. 82 percent of Catholics, 65 percent of Protestants, and 87 percent of nonreligious voters in the state agree with legalization.

The study also found that older residents are in favor of medical legalization than younger residents. *UtahPolicy* thinks this could possibly be because older residents may have faced medical challenges or know people that have dealt with problems and could have benefitted from the medication. The legislature in Utah is going to consider two separate legalization measures when they reconvene next year. One of the bills would allow for only CBD treatments to people with serious medical conditions such as cancer or HIV/AIDS. The other bill would allow for a wider range of compounds and products to be used for those with serious conditions.



Tainted Oil Recalled

COLORADO: A marijuana company in Denver, Advanced Medical Alternatives, is recalling 27 cartridges of vape-pen oil. The recall is due to potentially dangerous pesticides which may have been

used when treating the cannabis the oil was extracted from. This is the 13th recall in 13 weeks according to Fox News. Earlier in December they recalled another concentrate with high levels of a banned pesticide. There are certain pesticides in Colorado that are not permitted to be used on marijuana plants. Two other companies in Colorado have also had to issue recalls on their edibles.



Marijuana Nurseries Appeal Rejection

FLORIDA: Three potential grow operations in Florida have filed challenges against the licenses permitted to the first "dispensing organizations" with a fourth expected to file before the deadline. Perkins, San Felasco Nurseries, and TropiFlora were the three companies to file complaints while Tornello Landscape put its department on notice that it intends to appeal, according to the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*.

Florida legalized medical marijuana with low THC and high CBD in 2014. The law allows for five companies in five regions to grow and distribute the product. The five applicants were supposed to be picked by Jan. 1st of this year, but the process was delayed because of legal issues. The appeals submitted this month may delay the process even longer. Perkins' challenge questioned the rankings given to the company by the three panelists as the numbers vary so much the company believes they were not come to systematically as required. San Felasco was told their application was rejected because the director of research development failed the background screening. A lawyer for the company claims that while the director's record was expunged and the misdemeanor he was charged with happened over 10 years ago in a different state it shouldn't matter because state law only requires that owners or managers of cannabis companies not have a felony conviction, the director of research is not an owner or manager.

TropiFlora was not even considered for ranking because Health officials "decided that the applicant did not provide the nursery's financial documents required under the law". TropiFlora and its parent company MariJ Agricultural argue that the nursery is a secondary company to MariJ and therefore MariJ's financial documents should have been sufficient. Health officials will review the challenges and address them later this month.

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Legalization in Israel Gains Support

ISRAEL: Medical marijuana has been legal in Israel, for cancer patients as well as those with illnesses or diseases linked to chronic pain, since the early 90s, but recently many groups in the country have begun advocating for complete decriminalization of the drug, reported the *Times of Israel*.

Speaking to the Knesset Committee on Controlled Substances, Israel's preeminent expert on ethics and philosophy, Asa Kasher, offered support for easing limitations on medical marijuana qualifications and for legalizing recreational use. While he stated outright that physicians should have the right to recommend medical marijuana to any patient they feel may benefit from it, he offered words of caution while supporting legalization. He told the committee that, "while there is freedom in a democracy, this freedom has some necessary limits, like the limits on the use of alcohol. Legalization can be promoted but only if the process includes relevant regulation." He best summed it up with, "we need to see whether existing criminalization promotes a reasonable, proportionate purpose. The fact that a car is a dangerous thing doesn't mean no one should drive."

Dr. Yuval Landschaft, a Health Ministry representative, agreed with Kasher concerning medical marijuana noting that in cases deemed necessary doctors will be allowed to prescribe the drug, but the Ministry is against supporting marijuana for social use. Currently, with over 25,000 patients registered, Israel has one of the highest rates of marijuana use per capita.



Court's Decisions Setting Precedence

MEXICO: After a Supreme Court ruled in favor of four marijuana users in November, the Mexican government granted those plaintiffs with the first permits allowing growing and possession of marijuana for personal use. The legal smokers are not permitted to smoke around children or anyone who hasn't or cannot give consent. They also cannot sell or distribute the substance. While the rulings do not allow general legalization, their next five rulings on similar cases could set a precedence to change the laws regarding the drug, especially since the court ruled that growing and consuming pot is covered by the right to "free development of personality." According to recent polls the majority of Mexicans, as well as the President, are opposed to legalization, but so far dozens of people have filed appeals to get the permit.



Changing Attitudes in Latin America

COLOMBIA: The Colombian government has long followed US-approved policies to wipe out drug crops, including marijuana. That stance could slightly change now that President Juan Manuel Santos has signed a new law legalizing medical marijuana. While signing the decree, Santos said this is "a major step that put Colombia at the ... forefront of the fight against illnesses", as the framework will only allow growing and selling cannabis for medical purposes. President Santos believes official framework is overdue in a country where citizens had been using marijuana in legal limbo for years. According to *The Guardian*, Colombians have been permitted to have small amounts of any narcotic for personal use due to court rulings allowing the "free development of one's personality".



CPS Offers Warning About Medical Marijuana and Children

CANADA: The Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) has released a statement acknowledging that marijuana has been increasingly used to treat children with severe illnesses but offers a warning to parents, saying there “is not enough evidence that the drug is either safe or effective.” Many parents in the country have started using CBD oil as well as many other forms of marijuana to help their children suffering from epilepsy, ADHD, chronic pain, and autism.

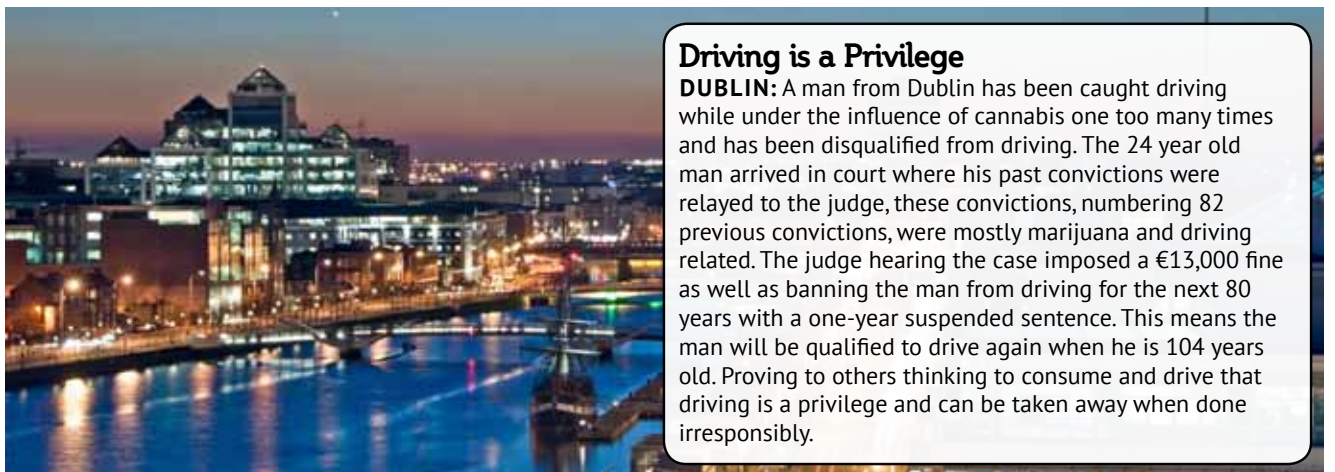
While CPS notes that there appear to be benefits from using medical marijuana, especially in certain cases of epilepsy, they stress that those benefits need to be weighed against the risks, which haven’t been researched in a long-term sense. Though many parents choosing to use the medication consider it a miracle drug, which helps their suffering child when nothing else would, CPS would like to see more studies done on the safety and efficacy of kids using the medication. They point to growing bodies of data showing that marijuana use in adolescence could change the way the brain develops and could lead to the development of psychosis. Doctors in the country would like future research to study proper drug administration, dose levels, and potential side effects.



Sydney Stoner Sloth

AUSTRALIA: According to *Japan Times*, the New South Wales state government has released an anti-marijuana campaign aimed at teens, who they feel are “most vulnerable to cannabis use”. The goal of the ad was to reach minors before the drug’s use becomes a wide-spread problem. While the ad did become wide-spread among Australians, young and old, it was for more comical reasons than the government may have intended. The ad features an obviously stoned sloth the size of a human acting “foolishly” with the slogan “You’re worse on weed”. It has quickly become the butt of many jokes with thousands of comments on Facebook and widely teased as “ridiculously funny”.

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre released a statement saying any campaign “should be aware that teenagers are intelligent and have access to a lot of information, so campaign approaches should respect them and give them credit by avoiding hyperbole.” They do not feel the ad reflects these views and should have been handled differently. The New South Wales Greens group called the ad “juvenile” but the government stands by their ad insisting the campaign was designed to be “shareable” among teens, something that is happening with over 16,000 likes on Facebook.



Driving is a Privilege

DUBLIN: A man from Dublin has been caught driving while under the influence of cannabis one too many times and has been disqualified from driving. The 24 year old man arrived in court where his past convictions were relayed to the judge, these convictions, numbering 82 previous convictions, were mostly marijuana and driving related. The judge hearing the case imposed a €13,000 fine as well as banning the man from driving for the next 80 years with a one-year suspended sentence. This means the man will be qualified to drive again when he is 104 years old. Proving to others thinking to consume and drive that driving is a privilege and can be taken away when done irresponsibly.

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GROW Tip

The “Sea of Green” Technique

by Ben Horner

The Scrog or “Sea of Green” technique is one of the most productive tools for growing cannabis. Using this method, the plant requires no training by means of bamboo stakes, but rather uses a net-like screen called a trellis to shape a canopy of flowering points. This will increase the amount of top buds (also known as kolas). Although the shape can change, the principles stay the same. Several methods have been adopted to produce excellent results for different growing areas.



The Vertical Scrog

This method uses the surrounding structures and walls to create a vertical sea of green. This can maximize yield from small grow rooms, such as closets and crawl spaces. By running a trellis over a surface, that entire surface can become a sea of green. Using this method, the entire light can be surrounded by one plant or only a few. Remember to plan carefully because disassembling a setup like this in mid-cycle can be a real nightmare.



The Horizontal Scrog

This is the most common sea of green method. Depending on your growing space, plants are topped with a stretched trellis before flowering. As the plant grows, the branches are pulled back down below the screen to branch the plant out, rather than let the branches grow tall. This creates many kolas, or top buds, at multiple points on the plant. One problem with using a trellis with multiple plants is moving or adjusting the plants as they become more intertwined with the trellis. For that reason, many growers only have one or two plants per trellis so they can be moved easily.

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VGIP UPDATE

by Ben Horner

As the New Year comes upon us, we must contemplate how best to move forward with cannabis law reform in Michigan. Many activists around the state have worked hard to legalize cannabis for adult use. MI Legalize and MCC have passed their initial window of 180 days to collect signatures and have come up short.

A new petition has come out that may be the solution, and the Vote Green Initiative Project (VGIP) has decided to get involved.

MI Legalize insists that it still has a chance, but most experts agree that unless there was a significant influx of money the chances of saving the MI Legalize campaign is almost an impossible feat. Some die-hard volunteers are still working. Regardless, sometimes working on multiple fronts is a good thing. It seems that both petition groups will be in support of each other's efforts in a real positive way. If we all work together we can end the war on cannabis consumers. No more worrying about being a cannabis user.

On December 29th, Abrogate Prohibition Michigan's petition for a constitutional amendment was approved by the Board of Canvassers. The constitutional amendment will remove all illegality from cannabis in all forms, so that the plant would be treated like any other produce. Everyone in Michigan can grow, transport, sell, manufacture and consume all forms of cannabis.



Tim Locke, is the petition creator and director of Abrogate Michigan. He posted this after receiving the good news:

“Hello to all the new and old group members. Thank you for joining us and being a part of Michigan and National history. It is the down-to-earth Michiganders like all of you, that will set the template for the rest of the country to follow; just as our grandparents and great grandparents did in 1933 and the alcohol prohibition issue, but with the lessons learned from their experience.

We will set in the Constitution of Michigan, a piece of law that will not allow the government to prohibit cannabis use by anyone in the state at any level. They'll of course have their regulatory authority over the commercial, industrial, and retail marketplaces, and of course they'll be on the farmers a bit too, but they will not be able to make any regulations that would diminish use. Only open the market and allow for the numerous cannabis-based products to be developed and move into the retail marketplace, where they will get their state sales tax of 6% on all non food, non medicinal, non tax-exempt product sales, including the 6% sales tax ONLY on recreational sales, as we have abrogated all penalties, fines and excise taxation abilities, removing governments ability to punish you for your cannabis plant use.

This would leave the cannabis plant, like the tomato plant, or any other plant/herb you would grow in your garden, or in your research crops for new products as is done with soybeans, etc.

The time to end cannabis and hemp prohibition is here. Are you ready to help? Join us at www.michican.us and get involved by volunteering to help capture signatures, donate to help fund the campaign and all that comes with it, help find and announce events in your area for petitioners to be aware of. You can help setup and run a fund raiser, help spread the word by word of mouth advertising, or even submit letters to the editors and local papers urging them to cover Abrogate Prohibition Michigan and bring an end to the insanity that is cannabis/hemp prohibition in Michigan. We hope to see you on the MichICAN forum, and on the campaign trails soon.”

- Timothy Locke
Treasurer
Abrogate Prohibition Michigan
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Included in this magazine is a copy of the petition to end the prohibition of cannabis in Michigan once and for all. We need to get these petitions signed by 12 registered voters and mailed back in the return envelope.

We will continue distributing these petitions every month and collecting signatures until we have it all done. If everyone just does one sheet per month we can make history. No one goes to jail for weed or hemp ever again, and Bill Schuette loses.

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FREE THE WEED 58

A Column by
John Sinclair



Highest greetings from the south of England at the end of 2015 and highest wishes for the New Year, which may indeed be the one that brings us legalized marijuana in Michigan and takes us closer to our goal on the national level: FREE THE WEED!

Dear friends, let us pray that 2016 will be the year that begins to blow away the web of distorted myth from the topic of marijuana and starts the process of according full recognition and respect to the reality of marijuana and its many beneficial uses in our sick social order.

This whole process of demonizing marijuana and its users in order to forge a police state around us is only about 80 years old, originating in the demented propaganda and ugly mythology spewed forth by Harry Anslinger, America's first "drug czar," in order to convince Congress to criminalize marijuana by means of the Harrison Tax Act of 1937.

The War On Drugs itself was initiated by Richard M. Nixon and his henchmen, Attorney General John N. Mitchell, future Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, chief of staff Bob Haldeman and counsel to the president John Ehrlichman, who explains:

"The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had

two enemies: *the antiwar Left, and black people*. You understand what I'm saying? We *knew* we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black. But by getting the public to associate the *hippies with marijuana* and *blacks with heroin*, and then *criminalizing* both heavily, we could *disrupt* those communities. We could *arrest* their leaders, *raid* their homes, *break up* their meetings, and *vilify them night after night on the evening news*. *Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did.*" [Emphases in original text, courtesy of Citizens for Peace, Prosperity and Justice, 2015]

But the reality of marijuana use goes back thousands of years, as I just read in the *Cannabis News Network* bulletin published by Sensi Seeds in Amsterdam: "Cannabis has a long history in India, veiled in legends and religion. The earliest mention of cannabis has been found in *The Vedas*, or sacred Hindu texts. These writings may have been compiled as early as 2000 B.C.

"According to *The Vedas*, cannabis was one of five sacred plants. The Vedas call cannabis a source of happiness, joy-giver, liberator that was compassionately given to humans to help us attain delight and lose fear. It releases us from anxiety. The god, Shiva is frequently associated with cannabis, called *bhanga* in India.

"According to legend, Shiva wandered off into the fields after an angry discourse with his family. Drained from the family conflict and the hot sun, he fell asleep under a leafy plant. When he awoke, his curiosity led him to sample the leaves of the plant. Instantly rejuvenated, Shiva made the plant his favorite food and he became known as the Lord of Bhang."

This is more like it! But after about 4,000 years of blissful, healthful, revelatory, pleasurable and harmless use of marijuana by people in the Old World and the New, U.S. authorities spearheaded by Joseph Anslinger created a whole new identity for marijuana as a dangerous narcotic and of marijuana smokers as vicious dope fiends.

Anslinger's agency underwent several changes of identity as well. According to *Wikipedia*, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was established by Richard Nixon in 1973 as a single federal agency to enforce the federal drug laws as well as consolidate and coordinate all the government's drug control activities. As a result, the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), the Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement (ODALE), approximately 600 Special Agents of the Bureau of Customs, the Customs Agency Service and other federal offices merged to create the DEA.

Whew! That's a lot of law enforcement to be directed for the past 42 years against people who like to get high on marijuana and other recreational drugs! And the whole apparatus was erected atop a foundation of outright lies and deliberate misrepresentations generated by the highest law enforcement agencies in the nation and backed by the armed forces of federal, state, county and local governments everywhere in the country.

Isn't it time that we demobilized these armed forces of the War On Drugs and eliminated them from the law enforcement community? Isn't it time for the emperor to go back in the dressing room and put some clothes on and come back out to confess his sins and begin to make reparations?

Here's a tiny start: As I began work today I read an *Associated Press* dispatch from Sari Horwitz reporting that President Obama had just commuted the sentences of 95 drug offenders, saying

they have "served their debt to society." Ms. Horwitz adds that "It is the third time this year that the president has used his unique clemency power to release federal drug offenders"—22 in March and another 46 in July.

But one in 100 adults is behind bars in America, according to the Coalition for Public Safety, and more than 33,000 federal drug prisoners have filed applications for clemency. A total of 163, or about 1/2 of 1% have been granted. That's not very many, but as Ms. Horwitz points out, "The latest round of clemencies come as lawmakers in Congress are debating several bipartisan bills to change sentencing laws."

Another positive sign popped up, as reported by NORML, in the depths of the Omnibus Spending Bill recently passed by Congress that includes provisions which will continue to limit the federal government from taking punitive action against state-licensed individuals or operations that are acting in full

compliance with the medical marijuana laws of their states. To wit: "None of the funds made available in this act to the Department of Justice may be used ... to prevent ... states ... from implementing their own state laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana."

Unhappily, Senate-backed amendments seeking to permit military veterans access to medical cannabis and to permit state-licensed marijuana business greater access to banking services were not included in the final version of the spending bill.

An unexpected breath of fresh air came last month from the venerable *Detroit News*, which editorialized as follows under the headline *Protect Access to Medical Marijuana*: "The Senate failed to pass legislation again this year that would legalize non-smokable forms of marijuana under the state's medical pot program. That means nearly 180,000 medical marijuana patients in Michigan remain in limbo, as do their caregivers and suppliers.

"It's unfair to patients working within the law, adopted by a 2008 ballot initiative, to continue withholding safe access to their legal medicine. The Legislature must legalize edible, topical and other forms of the drug, and approve a regulatory structure in which the industry can operate....

"It's unfair to declare medical marijuana legal, but then not provide the regulatory framework to assure that patients and their caregivers don't become accidental criminals."

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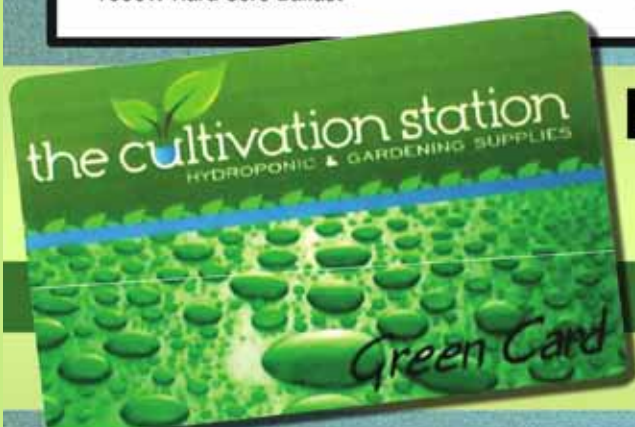


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by Joe Dauphinais

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Once in, I took a look around the showroom with mouth agape. I've seen quite a few dispensaries around Michigan, and this one is definitely one of the top on my list. Taking in the tasteful decor and lighting, beautiful display cases, and impressive interior renovations, one can easily ascertain that the store owners spared no expense in making this dispensary a most pleasant and memorable place to shop. Once I got my bearings, I started to look in the display cases at all the wonderful treats they contained.





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After browsing for a while, and with help from one of the super-friendly budtenders there, I decided on one of the house special strains, Larry Cali O.G., and these buds did not disappoint. After setting aside a gram for testing (the results of which can be found in this month's Bud Report, page 7) my friend and I decided to roll a modest sized joint from the remainder. Once lit, the smell was unmistakably that of an O.G. - piney and crisp, with an immediate uplifted feeling. I can always tell a strong Kush by the way it makes the bridge of my nose sweat. We passed the number back and forth for a while and shot the breeze, and I have to admit, we both tapped out about two-thirds of the way through the doobie.

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THE FIGHT IS FAR FROM OVER

by Citizen Jay

Welcome to 2016 my fellow travelers! As we reflect on our last rotation around the Sun there are a few salient Cannabis points to 2015 that must not go unmentioned. The road ahead is clear. Our task, unfinished as yet, is clearer still. The full legalization of Cannabis for all adults (and those special children in need) across this nation and indeed the World is our ultimate goal.

Of all the people that deserve to be noticed and mentioned this year, Jeff Mizansky comes first to mind. That Mr. Mizansky survived more than 20 years behind bars for little more than possessing an eighth of Cannabis is remarkable in itself. He spent a third of his life there. It is not the cruelty that he endured at the hands of our "injustice system" that leads us all to admire the man. It is the rallying cry that grew up around him that is so distinct. It is a singular thing when the people stand up to their government and cry for a man's freedom. That cry went out across the entire web. There were billboards. There were stories. There were petition drives. And finally, there was reason. REASON.

There was a reason to let this man out of jail—namely, that there was no reason for this man to be incarcerated in the first place. And finally, Governor Nixon saw the truth of the matter and commuted Mizansky's sentence. Today, Jeff is FREE. And WE did that. So thank you, Jeff Mizansky, for enduring for all of us. For becoming a symbol of FREEDOM! Of REASON! Of JUSTICE! And for showing us that together we can accomplish miracles.

2015 saw the country inch closer to the halfway mark with the entrance of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington in to the legal Cannabis fray. With their entry there are 23 states that have legal Cannabis programs. Twenty three, almost half. Plus the District of Columbia—but that gets its own paragraph. It seems that we've been waiting to get to that halfway mark for a while with a purpose. For there is a common myth that when half of the states take up an issue the U.S. Congress must then act on that issue. But in reality, our



Congress has already acted on the issue. So it seems we're waiting for nothing in particular. Still, the tally of states leading towards legalization continues to grow even as the Prohibitionists try their utmost to thwart our efforts. I think it is pretty clear that the tide is turning most assuredly in our favor.

So what about Congress? Well, they just passed the next big spending bill and just like last year's "Cromnibus" this year's budget renews the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment, which was designed to prevent the Justice Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration from spending federal dollars to conduct raids and prosecute those medical Cannabis businesses and patients conforming to state laws. Great news for sure, except it hasn't really stopped the bully prosecutors and the DEA from twisting its meaning and taking people down.

And they still won't let D.C. have any money to regulate its own nascent Cannabis community. Can't call it an "industry" yet because without regulations there's no way to entertain commerce. So in D.C. it's the Cannabis Community that does it all. That is to say, no one is doing anything. Right? (wink wink)

Congress totally dissed our Veterans with this one too. Apparently they failed to see the value in an amendment that would have prevented Department of Veterans Affairs' physicians from punishing vets for taking part in their own state-approved medical Cannabis programs. This measure, which passed last month in the U.S. Senate, was designed to inhibit VA doctors and clinics from barring patients from receiving prescription drugs and other services merely because they used medical Cannabis under the conditions of their respective state programs. While more of our vets come home in need of care, our Congress—so willing to send them to die in the first place—can't seem to grasp the necessity of seeing to their care upon their return. And we as a nation are disgraced by their actions, or lack thereof.

While here in Colorado we saw another year pass without the sky falling even a little bit from the passage of Amendment 64, our brederen down the yard in Jamaica celebrated real change as their country enacted the decriminalization of Cannabis. With this change High Times announced it would hold its first World Cup in Negril, Jamaica, which it did this past November. While the turn out may not have been as large as everyone had

hoped, the addition of another international hot spot to embrace Cannabis freedom fueled plenty of speculation that more folks would attend in the years to come.

If the Cannabis Industry is going to ultimately succeed, it's going to need reliable banking. We almost got there this year with both Congress and the State of Colorado agreeing to the necessity. But just as we all thought it was a done deal, the Federal Reserve in Kansas City decided to nix the whole thing. They can do that because although their name has the word "federal" in it, the Federal Reserve is not actually a part of our government. It's a private entity... and it said, "No." The one chance for a legit credit union in Colorado, the Fourth Corner Credit Union, is now suing the Fed over that decision.

It's a sign of the times to see this kind of in-fighting over the Cannabis issue. It means we're on the cusp. The issue is being discussed. And as we well know, once a reasonable discussion about Cannabis ensues, we win every time. Not that I want to pay much attention to presidential politics, but almost all of the candidates have admitted to using Cannabis. And to their credit two of them are actually calling for an outright end to the senseless war on the sweet Sensi: Rand Paul and Bernie Sanders—the last two hopes of saving our outdated, if not absolutely suspect, two-party system. Without taking sides here, whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, these are the folks you should be paying attention to if you care about our freedom to finally enjoy Cannabis without fear of prosecution. [Side note: unless you are one of those Green Party folks; then just keep doing what you're doing.]

It can be done too. Just look at what happened in Canada this year. Justin Trudeau and the Liberals took it all despite the main stream media predicting Harper and the Conservatives would easily hold onto their power. How did it happen? In a word, the internet. Social media is a powerful force in the world today and the younger Trudeau was able to take full advantage of this. We will see how this plays out in the 2016 U.S. Presidential elections.

The main stream media seems to be clueless when it comes to Cannabis as well. Just look at what happened in Ohio. Ultimately, the people decided to throw off the yolk of oligarchy and said no to a bad law that would have placed the vast wealth of an entire industry into the hands of just a few privileged people. Monopoly, it would seem, when not played on a two-dimensional cardboard field is somewhat anathema to the people of Ohio. Let's hope they've set a good precedent for the rest of us to follow.

If there is one last thing that needs to be noted for 2015 it is the momentous decision to come out of the Supreme Court of Mexico just last month. The court decided that making it illegal to personally produce, possess, and consume Cannabis violated the rights of Mexicans to develop their own unique personalities. Their decision was not based on public health issues or impacts to incarceration rates, rather it was based on the fundamental human right of self-expression—the constitutional doctrine of "the free development of personality."

The plaintiffs successfully argued that using Cannabis was one way that they were able to effectively differentiate themselves as individuals. The Mexican constitution protects a person's right to be unique and independent. As such, they argued, the state cannot violate that right because the consequences of Cannabis use—whether positive or negative—only affect the person who chooses to use it. "The imposition of a single standard of healthy living is not admissible in a liberal state, which bases its existence on the recognition of human uniqueness and

independence," the plaintiffs argued. In other words, the state can't stop you from overeating a bunch of greasy Luther burgers just because they're bad for your health.


To be certain, this ruling sets an important international legal precedent; but it only applies to the four plaintiffs. Out of a nation of 125 million people, they are the only ones who can legally use Cannabis as a result of this ruling.

As we stand here on the precipice of a new and most promising year we are fortunate to have come this far. I was told time-and-again that I would NEVER see legalized Cannabis in my lifetime. I am a living testament to the foolishness and shortsightedness that spawned that statement—for we DO see legal Cannabis in this great nation of ours! And the fight is not yet over!




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Purification



by Rebecca Veenstra

Every New Year I find myself thinking about how this season symbolizes a clean start. A fresh slate? I know...that is not how it really works. Wouldn't that be cool though? If you could just turn the page and embark on the New Year with out any regard. Just head on out there like it's all new again?

I suppose that thinking pattern leads us all to our yearly resolutions-- and insincere promises to improve our lifestyles, to exercise, to sleep more, complain less, be on time more often, save more money, eat less chocolate.

So, this year I'm looking to incorporate small life changes. Things that don't take a heap of effort. This way we start the New Year fresh with out setting ourselves up for failure. Because honestly, who's really going to turn down M&M's and actually exercise every day?

I think there are things we can incorporate into our daily lives that will make a true difference. If every year for the rest of our lives we sought to learn one new trick.

Maybe we could become old and happy, filled with wisdom and peace of mind.

Herbal writings define purification primarily as detoxification. Many texts speak of the benefits of removing poisons, fats and general build-up in our bodies is an important part of feeling healthy. Sometimes, the word detoxification is interpreted to imply harshness or drastic flushing of the body. That type of detoxification can be very dangerous and generally renders temporary results.

The body's balance of electrolytes is delicate. What that means is the systems or machines of the body require a particular balance of salts, and minerals like potassium, magnesium, calcium, zinc, etc. Every part of our body; our blood, organs and brain--require their own individual balance of nutrients.

Harsh cleansing can remove necessary elements which could cause health problems or even emergencies. I once heard of a man doing an "as seen on TV" colon cleanse that sent him into kidney crisis. A lot of us have done those quick cleanse drinks. Those just flush the kidneys. The way to ultimately clean the body is to avoid putting bad things in... LOL... but that's easier said than done.

So, really the best approach is to live how you want to and compensate for your unhealthy habits by doing extra healthy things on the other end. For example, if you like to eat a whole pizza every day-- take up walking. If you like to eat two pizzas-- take up running. Really, it makes sense, even though it sounds silly.

The Harvard Health Publications state that "the human body can defend itself very well against most environmental insults and effects of occasional

indulgence. If you're generally healthy, concentrate on giving your body what it needs to maintain a robust self cleaning system..." The text goes on to extol the virtues of a healthy diet and regular exercise. So, instead of reading that and wondering how to fit ten carrots and a 2 mile run into our day-- I vote for small changes with big benefits.

Lemon Juice is a terrific cleanser. It purifies the blood, reduces mucus build up in the body tissues and organs, and alkalizes our blood. Our bodies perform at their best with an alkaline pH. Another interesting benefit of using lemon juice is that according to some writings limonene in lemons interacts with the cannabinoid and THC receptors in our bodies allowing our bodies to utilize the terpenes and THC in cannabis more effectively. The Handbook of Cannabis refers to a study done about ten years ago where the research subjects reported that Limonene added to THC made the experience of marijuana use more cerebral and euphoric.

The best way to add lemon is to put a bit in a glass of water or tea. Some people like to drink the juice of several fresh lemons. It does really cleanse the system. But, people with acid reflux might find it more tolerable in smaller doses. The bottled lemon juice sold in the store will work fine but pay attention to the ingredients. The cheaper bottles sometimes aren't a bargain. They will contain more lemon oil than juice. One lemon a day cut into quarters provides four nice lemon juice drinks otherwise. The added benefit is not only do you get the lemon-- you are also incorporating extra hydration. Just upping water intake a little bit can often increase energy and a person's sense of well being. There are many herbs that can be added to a morning tea with lemon that can assist the body in removing build up and congestion from the blood and tissues. Many of them are

pleasant tasting and easy to incorporate into a regular routine.

Dandelion is a very common herb with tonic abilities. Dandelion leaf and root are rich sources of vitamins and minerals, including beta-carotene, calcium, potassium and iron. Dandelion leaf is mildly diuretic, this means that it promotes urine flow. Both the flowers and leaves are used in salads and teas, while the roots are sometimes used as a coffee substitute. Dandelion leaves and roots have been used for hundreds of years to treat liver, gallbladder, kidney, and joint problems. In some traditions, dandelion is considered a blood purifier.

Another good cleansing herb is Ginger. The dry powder has been reported in some texts to have higher Gingerol content than the fresh root but either would work well for tea. In addition to its liver cleansing properties ginger has been used to treat people with arthritis. A small number of case studies suggest that taking fresh or powdered ginger may reduce the symptoms of swelling and pain. Side effects due to ginger are rare when used as recommended. However, some people are sensitive to the taste and may experience heartburn. In addition, people with a history of gallstones should consult a doctor before using ginger

One of my personal favorites is Lemongrass which has been reported to assist in cleansing the liver, kidneys, bladder as well as the entire digestive tract. It tastes mild and has a beautiful fragrance. In addition to its historical and current use as an anti-inflammatory substance; Tumeric has been used for hundreds of years as a blood purifier. It grows in a root like ginger. It is widely available as a dried powder though. Tumeric has been known to thin the blood. People on anticoagulants would want to research and consult their physician before adding Tumeric to teas.

Green Tea is a well known antioxidant. Maybe you have some pain issues and use Cannabis in the daytime. That can really add up over time. Maybe you use a little more than you would like to to achieve relief. A nice pick me up of Green Tea and lemon might help alleviate the sleepiness from your Cannabis during the day and also help to cleanse build up from the body which could over time decrease your usage.

Another way to cleanse the body is to address the energy systems within us. Many texts refer to these energy centers as Chakras. Chinese medicine calls the points meridians. Western medicine acknowledges endocrine glands and cannabinoid receptors in our

bodies that correspond with the ancient writings on Chakras and Oriental medicines. Even Sanskrit writings pre-dating Christ refer to the energy our bodies contain.

If we start our day with a nice cleansing cup of tea with lemon, that seems simple enough. That alone is buying some time for ourselves--taking the time to care for ourselves and purify our flesh. But what about the Chakras? Who has time to meditate? Meditation can be a difficult thing to incorporate into real life. There just never seems to be enough quiet or enough time. It's like the resolution we know we will never keep. So, we pass it off as a nice idea and watch TV instead.

What if I told you in the time it takes your tea to cool you could go through a simple meditation that would set the tone for the rest of your day? Have you ever heard the saying "The rest of your life begins today?" It's the kind of obvious thing that escapes us I think. It's like the song "Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans." Purification can pertain to our perspective as well. It is important to clean house emotionally and spiritually as well as to drink lots of water and eat well.

So, maybe you are running around putting the kids together before work and the idea of a cup of tea is the funniest thing you have heard in ages. Don't lose hope. At some point in your day all you need to do is stop and take a few deep breaths. You might be surprised how adept you can become at centering yourself after a little bit of practice. I think a gardening metaphor works best in this instance. My mind is best able to visualize flowers but feel free to innovate. Some people like to visualize colored orbs of light or colored flames. Use the image that works best for you. Intent is the most important aspect of the whole exercise. Even if it feels ridiculous and you can't feel anything happening, that's ok. The idea that you are dedicating the thought to the process is all it takes. It really is that simple.

Close your eyes and imagine yourself in a column of white light at least six feet around. Feel the light around you as best as you can. Then, place your feet on the ground, (even if you are sitting) and imagine your feet are growing roots deep into the earth. Try to feel a loving connection to the earth-- again, as best as you can.

Next you will proceed through the chakras one at a time imagining a flower opening at each point. The color, and the process of opening are the most important things to be consistent with. Orbs of light, stained glass jars opening, what ever is easiest for you to visualize.

At the base of the spine around the tailbone imagine a red flower opening. Take 6 deep breaths and then imagine your attention moving to the sacrum and pelvis. The color for this chakra is orange. Imagine an orange flower opening. Take 6 more breaths and move your attention to your navel. The color you want to imagine here is yellow. Take 6 deep breaths and imagine a yellow flower or light opening. Continue with 6 more deep breaths as you raise your focus to your heart area. There imagine a beautiful green bud opening... or an orb of light if you rather...lol...After you take 6 more breaths picture the color blue around your throat area as a flower or whatever you have chosen. Concentrate on that area opening for 6 more breaths. Next imagine a purple bud opening behind your eyes, or anything purple that makes you happy. Inhale and exhale deeply 6 more times and think about the very top of your head. The color here is white. Feel that color opening into your column of white light.

Take 6 more deep breaths and begin to move downward doing the same process backwards. Imagine your white flower closing down to a bud, and your purple flower closing, and your blue, and green, and yellow, orange and red. Like a rose bud in time lapse photography backwards from the big open flower to the tight brand new bud. You want to finish



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with all the flowers closed at the end of the exercise.

Once you have closed the last one (the root chakra), the red one at the base of your spine. Imagine your column of light transforming into a cloak of white light. Some people I know imagine armour of white light. Use your imagination. This is another instance where intent is the real medicine. In your mind's eye, dress yourself in your cloak of white light, or armour. Take the time to picture yourself putting on the sleeves and covering your body with the white light. The more detail you can picture the better. The text I used to learn this meditation finishes by saying: " In this way you take light with you wherever you go without being open and vulnerable."

If you breath very deeply this exercise might take up to 15 minutes. Basically, in 84 deep breaths you can begin and complete a grounding meditation. Many spiritual practitioners do this exercise every morning. The opening of the chakras/energy centers in theory allows for purification by releasing excess energy, both positive and negative. Then, the process of closing the chakras/energy centers allows us to retain our energy and ward off negative energy from entering our energy centers. It's the kind of simple taking time for ourselves that can reap huge benefits through out the year to come. Remember, this stuff sounds loopy but it predates our modern religious practices by centuries. There might be something to it... Often users report that using Cannabis prior to practicing yoga or meditation allows them to achieve their goals with more ease. I think that is worth mentioning.

So, having a nice cleansing cup of tea with lemon and doing a 84 breath meditation... doesn't seem too imposing as far as New Year's resolutions go. Maybe it's not earth shattering and most likely my

jeans will probably still be snug next year too...Still, It seems like the kind of thing I might actually follow through with. I especially like that chocolate is allowed and no running is required.

Live long, be wise, and prosper.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

by Adam Brook

2016 is supposed to be the year that more states go legal. At this point we are waiting to see if MI LEGALIZE has collected enough signatures to make it to the ballot in Nov. It also looks like a referendum will be needed in Detroit to fix the disaster created by the City Council. Others are skwakin' but talk is cheap.

The future for marijuana in Michigan is unknown, but I can tell you it can only get better. Attitudes are changing. Why? Because the old people are dieing off. Those with reefer madness mentality who are younger are educatable. You have to start by explaining that they were lied to and prove it. GET INVOLVED as YOU are the future.



So, my latest addiction is a social media app called PERISCOPE. Heard of it? It's all the rage. What is it? It's a live streaming platform. I'll explain in a few....What Periscope really is is a company that was started with \$1.5 million and less than a year later was acquired by Twitter, BEFORE the product was publicly launched.... OH, and for a rumored \$50-\$100 Million....but that's not the only thing that had me take a look.....It was released in March of 2015 for Apple, May 2015 for Android....Aug 2015 Periscope said it had surpassed 10 MILLION accounts.....I thought to myself, some of these folks have to be interested in weed, right? Oh my!

So what is it.....Unlike YouTube or Vine, Periscope allows you to post live video streams, keeps them available for replay for 24hrs, then they are gone....Unless you know how to capture them using a 3rd party app.....You can follow people (broadcasters) and you will get a notification (if you turn it on) when they go live.....Your audience can see and hear you. They can chat with you using a chat box feature... Periscope allows viewers to send "hearts" to a broadcaster by tapping the screen, it's what you do to say you like what you are seeing or hearing.....

I fell head first into this one.

Within a week I had done 20 broadcasts, had 100 followers and a new scope (slang for a Broadcast) called Dab with Adam. Yes, a daily Dab show..3 to 4 a day, some long some just a few dabs long..we talk about all things weed related...I do trivia and play NAME THAT TUNE on my scope and send out prizes for winners. There are people from all over the world watching. Some speak very little English, but want to learn...I have a 14 year old Russian boy (Doni313) who follows me. He saw I was scoping from Detroit. He is in mad love with Detroit. Of course EVERYTHING he knows about Detroit comes out of the movie 8 Mile. Boy was he surprised when I sent him the YouTube link to the scene titled RABBIT IS BETRAYED...(check it out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByNjy8-j8g>)....He went nuts. Now he watches all my scopes. He'll watch a replay and let me know what the Russians are saying. They will chat amongst themselves and I have no idea what its about.... some people will block people for that type

of behavior. I only speak/read English. That's my problem....I encourage them to speak amongst themselves.....I am expecting a visit from the MIB telling me that some grand conspiracy was discussed in one of the many foreign languages I might see go by....

I got up one Sunday morning and did an early morning Dab with Adam scope....An amazing 1200 people watched that scope. It was all I needed I'm hooked...

Now a few weeks later I'm at 250 shows and 300 followers....I do scopes on Monday and Thursdays from The OMS Dab House, home of Detroit Dab Warz. And since it's not ALL about ME, there are a ton of WEED people doing scopes....Of course the GIRLS get more viewers... I see a ton of stuff that makes me go huh? And then there are the fire scopes from the scene of a burning building...My favorite scope I have viewed was a classroom in lock down at a school. It was eye opening... and kind of cool when the cop doing the sweep knocked on the door, opened it, with his weapon drawn ordered the showing of hands, moved the barricade, then complemented the children and teacher for doing all the right things and ordered them to shelter in place.....What's cool is that there are viewers who will be listening to police scanners and will report in the chats what it going on. You see a lot of this in the fire scopes.

I invite you to check out Periscope. Download the app and Follow me. I am easy to find, Adam L Brook is the name and DABS are my game..... OK we smoke flower also... come check it out.

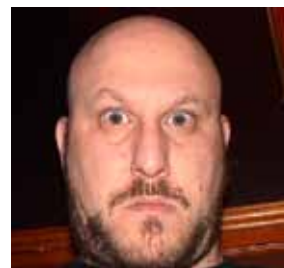
What's up with lack of correct answers for the monthly trivia question. I had 10 people guess and no one had it. The High Times Freedom Fighters used to set up camp at The Grass Lake DNR campground. I will write about that in the future...

This months trivia question:

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TEEN YEARS ANXIETY

by Daniel L. Price, Esq.

It's 2016!!! Hopefully your holiday hangovers are done. Also, I hope, that none of you were pulled over by the police while you were enjoying your merriment. If you were, you may understand the importance of standing up for your freedoms. The alternative is to allow what amounts to a bunch of teenagers to keep you from exercising your right to self-determination.

That is, since it is in the teen years of the 21st century, I think it good to point out that the government actors in our state seem to be acting like teenagers. And of course, like teenagers, when faced with a situation that is unfamiliar, government actors tend to become anxious and lash out. That's exactly what happened since the people of the State of Michigan recognized that marijuana has far reaching medical benefits and voted to legalize marijuana for medical use. Well, the adults thought they were voting to legalize medical marijuana use. Problem is, the government actors decided to pronounce that medical marijuana use is "not legal", it's just protected.

Those government actors were faced with an unfamiliar situation, they never believed the people would see through the propaganda they laid out for so many decades. They never thought people would use their own minds and determine what the government actors were saying was a bunch of...well...let's just say...HORSE HOCKEY!

Like teenagers, those government actors rebelled and lashed out. They rebelled and lashed out in the only way they know how. They disregard our right to determine our own lives, yes our very right to self-determination. Medical marijuana patients, and caregivers alike are still being persecuted and prosecuted. You are not legal, you are protected. You are only protected if you have just so many plants, and so much usable marijuana. Problem is, if you have 12 plants

per patient, no matter how many patients you have, you can be charged with and found guilty of one or more felonies. Also, if you are a patient, and you have 12 plants, you can be charged with and be found guilty of one or more felonies. Not only this, but you can lose your home, your vehicles, your savings account, and all of your other property. And in some cases, people are losing their children, even though they have the medical marijuana cards that the State itself issued.

Yes, this all sounds quite contradictory. But then again, teenagers tend to be contradictory. They do not yet have a fully developed intellect or fully developed emotional states. Here are some contradictions for you to ponder. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), in 2011 1.4 million ER visits were prescription drug related. Further, in 2013, there were nearly 2 million Americans, 12 years and older, who either abused or were addicted to prescription opioid painkiller medications. What is worse, in 2013, 22,767 Americans died of prescription drug overdoses. It is estimated that 44 people die every day in the US, from prescription drug overdose. (All of these statistics were noted by the CDC at their website at, www.cdc.gov.)



Yet, it is not prescription opioids that the local and state police and narcotics teams in Michigan are raiding. It is not the offices of drug manufacturing companies that are raided. It is not the CEO's of pharmaceutical companies and hospitals who are losing

their homes, property and their children. It is those of you who choose to ingest marijuana in order to avoid being one of the 44 people who die every day of prescription drug overdose in the US.

So how do we change this problem? Well, if you ever had a teenage child, you know exactly what to do. First, you explain the problem. Second, you tell the child that you will no longer stand for that kind of behavior. Third, you set boundaries of acceptable behaviors. Lastly, you must be consistent in handing out the punishment for that type of behavior.

In the context of government actors, you tell them that the problem is that they are denying you the right to self-determination. Then you tell them that you demand the freedom to determine your own life, and will accept nothing less. Set the boundaries by stating that any legislation that restricts your right to self-determination will not be accepted. Then hand out the punishment; start voting for people who express the willingness to fight for freedom, and not to give you something that is taken from others. And if you do not hear politicians expressing their desire to fight for your freedom, then run for office by promising, and then following through with fighting for freedom, everyone's freedom.

This is the only way to handle teenagers. It is the only way to bring our state and our country out of the anxiety filled teen years and into freedom.

Hey, that's my 2 cents. Take it or leave it. But by all means, till next month, keep rolling on.

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Dragonians

by Hemptress Jolene

Leave it to the Crows, the debut album by Northern Michigan's *Dragonians* leaves nothing for the birds! Fresh on northern Michigan's hot music scene these guys are jammy and fun. With hip happening beats that make you want to tap your toes, they echo back to simpler time of melodious melodies. If you miss the wonderful stylings of band's like Lou Reed's *Velvet Underground* then the music stylings of the *Dragonians* is definitely for you. An Indie rock group who recently changed their name from *Stereo Artifacts*, the *Dragonians* seem ready to show Michigan's music scene exactly what they are made of, and that is what they did with their new album *Leave It to the Crows*.



Fronted by the vocals, lyrics and musicianship of Dan Campbell and Lee Dyer (of Kellerville), the *Dragonians* offer the listener beautiful well crafted rock that will make you want to bop your night away. The ten year song writing relationship these two have built is beautifully illustrated in songs like *White Lights* and *Nice Try* which are well crafted and sure to bring this group a solid support base of listeners who love them. The guitar of Campbell and the bass of Dyer smoothly groove together like musical soulmates complimenting everything the other does.

Another layer is added to the sound of the *Dragonians* by the fun and catchy keyboard stylings of Joe Thompson, who seems like he was meant for the writing style of Dyer and Campbell. Echoing back to some of the best psychedelic Keyboardist of this century, Thompson never stops making it light and fun, adding a whole another dimension to songs

like *And the Sun Went Down*, and *Slippin' Away*. However, when Thompson steps back and takes a more supportive roll in songs like *Sweet Blood* and *Above the Night*, it shows that we can expect a lot from these guys in the future.














































































A good rock band is nothing without a steady beat and that is what percussionist and rock drummer Mohawk Binienda offers the listener as he leads this band with his constant and steady rhythm. Drumming is an art and where this group goes, Binienda is already there with his steady pulse. His ability to keep up and keep the rest on point is beautifully illustrated in the song *Left Hands Down*.

Songs like *Walk with Me*, illustrate the amazing musicianship Thompson, Dyer, and Campbell have together. Their hard hitting vocal melodies might be missed on some of the other rockier songs, but can not be missed on this number. I think that it shows the *Dragonians* are telling the Michigan music scene they are here to make waves, or blow fire, cuz they are hot! I personally am excited these guys found each other wavelengths so we all could tune in. I look forward to what they have in store for the listeners who find them. If you would like to catch the *Dragonians* live, they are playing the City Park Grill in Petoskey on January 8th and 9 with local northern Michigan favorite *Biomassive*. To learn more about the *Dragonians* and book them for your event, check out their facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StereoArtifacts> and give them the like~!





January 2016 EVENTS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p>January (in Latin, Ianuarius) is named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (ianua) since January is the door to the year.</p> |   <p>Zodiac Signs for January are Capricorn and Aquarius</p> | | |  <p>January's birthstone is the Garnet</p> | 1  8:09AM  5:14PM  <p>New Year's Day</p> | 2  8:09AM  5:15PM  <p>National Science Fiction Day</p> |
| 3  8:09AM  5:16PM  <p>Happy Birthday J.R.R. Tolkien!</p> | 4  8:09AM  5:17PM <p>Detroit Dab Wars</p> | 5  8:09AM  5:18PM | 6  8:09AM  5:19PM  <p>Happy Birthday Syd Barret!</p> | 7  8:09AM  5:20PM <p>Detroit Dab Wars</p> | 8  8:08AM  5:21PM <p>Dragonians Biomassive City Park Grill Potoskey</p> | 9  8:08AM  5:22PM <p>Dragonians Biomassive City Park Grill Potoskey</p> |
| 10  8:08AM  5:23PM | 11  8:08AM  5:24PM <p>Detroit Dab Wars</p> | 12  8:07AM  5:25PM | 13  8:07AM  5:28PM  <p>MUSE Drones Tour Joe Louis Arena 7:30pm Detroit Dab Wars</p> | 14  8:07AM  5:27PM | 15  8:06AM  5:28PM | 16  8:06AM  5:29PM  <p>Beer and Bluegrass Kalamazoo State Theatre</p> |
| 17  8:05AM  5:31PM  <p>G-Eazy Masonic Temple, Detroit</p> | 18  8:05AM  5:32PM <p>Detroit Dab Wars</p> | 19  8:04AM  5:33PM  <p>Happy Birthlody Janice Joplin!</p> | 20  8:04AM  5:34PM | 21  8:03AM  5:36PM <p>Detroit Dab Wars</p> | 22  8:02AM  5:37PM  <p>Laser Spectacular w/music of Pink Floyd Kalamazoo State Theatre</p> | 23  8:02AM  5:38PM |
| 24  8:01AM  5:39PM | 25  8:00AM  5:41PM | 26  7:59AM  5:42PM | 27  7:58AM  5:43PM | 28  7:57AM  5:44PM  <p>Happy Birthday Rick Ross!</p> | 29  7:57AM  5:46PM | 30  7:56AM  5:47PM  <p>Snoop Dogg Masonic Temple - Detroit</p> |
| 31  7:55AM  5:48PM <p>Detroit Dab Wars</p> | | | | | | |

Sunrise and sunset times shown for Lansing, Michigan. Times for other areas may vary.

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Jokes



A stoner decides to go ice fishing. He gathers all the necessary equipment and heads out to the ice. About 20 feet out he cuts a hole in the ice. "There's no fish there!" booms a voice. "The stoner shrugs and moves out another 50 feet and starts to cut another hole. "There's no fish there, either!" booms the voice. The stoner shouts, "Is that you God?" "No," says the voice, "I own the fucking ice rink!"



If the whole world smoked a joint at the same time, There would be world peace for at least two hours, followed by a global food shortage.



Q. What did the hippie say when the stoner punched him?

A. "OUCH!"



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A Homeland Security Officer stopped at our farm yesterday stating; "I need to inspect your farm for illegally growing marijuana."

I said "Okay, but don't go in that field over there...", The Homeland Security Officer verbally exploded saying "Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me!"

Reaching into his rear pants pocket, the arrogant officer removed his badge and shoved it in my face. "See this fucking badge?" He screamed, "This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish; on any land! No questions asked or answers given! Have I made myself clear? Do you understand me?"

I nodded politely, and even apologized, and went about my chores. A short time later, I heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the Homeland Security Officer running for his life, being chased by my big ol' mean bull. With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety.

The officer was clearly terrified.

I quickly threw down my tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of my lungs; "Your badge! - Show him your fucking BADGE!"





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JANUARY 2016



CAPRICORN
(Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Work is stressing you out because your coworkers are plotting against you, and deep down inside you know it.



AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

This New Year will not bring any new success or good luck. Misfortune is your destiny.



PISCES
(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Beware of your family and other close friends. Your trust in others will let you down continuously. Start thinking for yourself for a change.



ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Too often lately when life serves you lemons you need to find a cocktail to twist. Try twisting more joints and lay off the sauce.



TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 21)

Slow down and stop talking. You sound ridiculous and people are afraid to tell you. Just saying.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Your soul mate is never coming. Stop looking already and settle for what get.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)

All the time you spend worrying about money has devalued your life in several ways. Try to let go and take some risks before you give yourself a stroke.



LEO
(July 23 - Aug 21)

Scavenging through life is your weakness. Stopping eating the spoils of others and find your own.



VIRGO
(Aug 22 - Sep 23)

A manipulating person to boost your reputation has severely limited your ability to hide from the truth. The truth is people like you better when you don't try so hard.



LIBRA
(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Narcissistic tendencies have flared up as you are too concerned with your appearance in comparison to those you consider rivals. Deflate

your ego before fakeness sets in.



SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

We all need to put masks on from tie to time. If you don't take the mask off you may forget whom you are underneath.

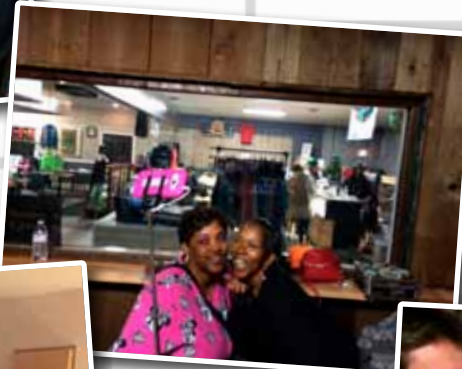


SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 22)

The color yellow is a warning. Take caution of all shades of yellow this month, or else you will be hurt in some way.

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